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REQUEST **CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL** 

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. to

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| 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Note: if the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unintended amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s). |   |   |  |      |  |      |       |     |                                |    |                                 |     |      |           |        |    |             |  |      |
|  | a.  |   | Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked. |      |  |      |       |     |                                |    |                                 |     |      |           |        |    | al Office   |  |      |
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|  |   | ii.   |  | Othe | her Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, filed May 12, 2003          |      |       |     |                                |    |                                 |     |      |           |        |    |             |  |      |
|  | b.  | □ Enclosed  |  |      |  |      |       |     |                                |    |                                 |     |      |           |        |    |             |  |      |
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| 2.   | Miscellaneous   |   |  |      |  |      |       |     |                                |    |                                 |     |      |           |        |    |             |  |      |
|  | a.  | Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) |  |      |  |      |       |     |                                |    |                                 |     |      |           |        |    |             |  |      |
|  | b.  |   |  |      |  |      |       |     |                                |    |                                 |     |      | ,         |        |    |             |  |      |
| 3.   | F   | The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.   |  |      |  |      |       |     |                                |    |                                 |     |      |           |        |    |             |  |      |
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